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Emmitsburg, MD March 7, 2013—FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) graduated a cohort of thirty-two students from around the country who completed all requirements of the Emergency Manager Basic Academy. Tony Russell, Superintendent of EMI, is shown congratulating Denise Lewis as she graduates. T. Gilboy/FEMA

PRESS RELEASE

Christiansted, VI Resident Graduates from FEMA's Emergency Management Institute

Emmitsburg, MD-Thirty-two students from across the United States recently graduated from FEMA's Emergency Manager Basic Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md., after they completed training courses that provide the basic knowledge and skills to help them meet the unpredictable challenges in the field of emergency management.

One of the students who graduated from EMI's Emergency Manager Basic Academy was Denise Lewis resident of Christiansted, VI. Lewis completed the final four courses in the Basic Academy series that includes the Science of Disaster; Planning; Emergency Operations; Exercise Design; and Public Information and Warning. The graduates fulfilled a total of 171 hours of training, including a course in the Foundations of Emergency Management.

The Emergency Manager Basic Academy offers the tools to develop comprehensive foundational skills needed in emergency management. For those who are new to emergency management, or for those who are transferring from another profession, the Basic Academy provides a unique opportunity to build camaraderie and establish professional contacts. Students also learned to understand the roles, responsibilities and legal boundaries associated with emergency management.

FEMA's Emergency Manager Basic Academy is the entry-point for individuals pursuing a career in emergency management. It's the first phase of FEMA's new Emergency Management Professionals Program (EMPP). The EMPP curriculum is designed to be a lifetime of learning for emergency managers and includes four separate, but closely related training programs including an Emergency Manager Basic Academy; a Specialized and Technical Training program to develop specific skill sets; an Emergency Manager Leaders Academy to develop the next generation of emergency management leaders; and an Emergency Manager Executive Academy for Federal, State, tribal and local agency executives at a senior policy and strategy level.

The 32 students who graduated completed their training on March 7, 2013.

For more information on FEMA's training classes through the Basic, Leaders and Executive Academies, or other emergency management courses, go to: <http://training.fema.gov/emi/>.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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